

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4752  
INFO AMEMBASSY MANILA  
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SUBJECT: ASEAN TRADE FAIR

REF: 77 MANILA 20254

1. REFTEL STATES THAT THE USG ANTICIPATES SENDING A GSP SEMINAR TEAM TO OUTLINE THE US GSP SYSTEM AT THE ASEAN TRADE FAIR AND THAT THE TRADE FAIR SECRETARY GENERAL HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE TEAM ALSO TRAVEL TO THE ASEAN CAPITALS.

2. AS FIJI, TONGA AND WESTERN SAMOA ARE ALSO BENEFICIARIES OF THE US GSP, IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL IF THE TEAM COULD INCLUDE IN ITS ITINERARY STOPS IN SUVA, FIJI AND IN APIA, WESTERN SAMOA. THE US GSP IS NOT WELL UNDERSTOOD BY OFFICIALS OF THESE NATIONS, AND ONE SEMINAR EACH IN SUVA AND APIA WOULD PROVIDE APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS FROM THE THREE COUNTRIES THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM AND TO ASSESS WITH THE TEAM'S ASSISTANCE HOW BEST THEY CAN BENEFIT FROM IT.

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2. SEMINARS IN THE PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES WOULD BE PARTICULARLY TIMELY AS OUR EFFORTS TO CHANNEL PRIVATE VOLUNTARY AID TO THESE NATIONS ARE BEING STEPPED UP. WHILE THE USG IS NOT IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE DIRECT OFFICIAL ASSISTANCE TO THESE COUNTRIES, THE BENEFITS WHICH THEY COULD DERIVE BY MAKING FULL USE OF THE US

GSP SYSTEM COULD PLAY A ROLE IN INCREASING EXPORT  
REVENUES AND LEVELS OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY.

3. WE URGE THE DEPARTMENT TO CONSIDER ADDING APIA AND  
SUVA TO THE ITINERARY OF THE US GSP SEMINAR TEAM. SELDEN

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